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Applicant: WINFRIED, Jentsch et al  
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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR FIXING MICRO-  
AND/OR NANO-OBJECTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

January 20, 2000

Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Before line 1, insert --This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/03476 which has an International filing date of May 20, 1999, which designated the United States of America.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

CLAIM 3: Line 3, change "one of claims 1 or 2" to --claim 1--